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In re application of: Neal et al.

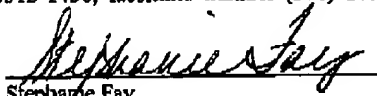
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For: System and Method for Simultaneously  
Establishing Multiple Connections§ Group Art Unit: 2143  
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§ Examiner: Jean Gilles, Jude  
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## RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

A one month extension of time is believed to be necessary. I authorize the Commissioner to charge the one month extension fee of \$120.00 to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157. No additional extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an additional extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to Yee & Associates, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-3157.

In response to the Office Action of January 27, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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